

Granite Removal Under East Stair Portico May be a Little Noisy



According to **Ed Welsh, McAlvain Construction Superintendent**, granite removal under the east stair portico will start on Wednesday. Work will involve sawing, chipping and grinding and may be a little noisy. To the left is the first granite stone that workers will use a wet saw and cut off the damaged face, removing it in sections. They will take off between eight and thirteen inches of the face and then replace it with a new granite face. They plan to use

concrete blankets (see photo at right) to muffle the sound as much as possible. They also will use a water saw to hold down the dust. This work may impede access through the area.



Workers are still erecting the scaffolding on the west side of the Capitol (see photo below of Todd Eichelberger assembling scaffolding.) The scaffolding should be up by the end of the week and work will begin on replacing damaged sandstone, mortar and sealant.

TMC Inc. Masonry Contractors have finished the replacement sandstone on the north side of the east steps (see photo at left) and now they are working on replacement sandstone on the south side of the east steps (see photo below right of Will McKinney grinding down old stone.)



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